

Indiana State Department of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Program Just the Fax----25 October 2004



Appropriate Pap Test Management

Atypical Squamous Cells: Cannot Exclude High-grade SIL (ASC-H)

Federal program guidelines require diagnostic evaluation for ASC-H Pap test findings. These standards of care are documented in the IN-BCCP operational and cervical cancer screening policies, which are based on the 2001 Consensus Guidelines for the Management of Women with Cervical Cytological Abnormalities.

A colposcopic exam is required for all ASC-H Pap test results. Subsequent management of each case is to be determined by the result of this exam in accordance with ASCCP guidelines.

IN-BCCP urges providers to carefully review all Pap test findings and report ASC-H results to the program. IN-BCCP case managers want to work closely with providers to ensure women have timely (within 60 days) and appropriate diagnostic evaluations and good clinical outcomes.

Your efforts to ensure adequate and timely follow-up of all ASC-H Pap test results are greatly appreciated.

<u>REMINDER</u>: Other Pap test results requiring diagnostic evaluation include HGSIL, AGC, AIS, and Squamous Cell Carcinoma findings. Providers must obtain prior approval for all IN-BCCP reimbursable diagnostic procedures.

2001 Consensus Guidelines for the Management of Women with Cervical Cytological Abnormalities text and algorithms are available online at www.ASCCP.org